

Counter-Improvised Threat Collaboration Center (C³)



Quarterly Improvised Threat Incidents

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Vision:

The C³ is the FVEY Whole of Governments (multi-agency, multi-disciplinary) center of excellence for sharing information and intelligence, providing partners a single entity with global visibility to detect, deter, and prevent improvised threats.

Mission:

The C³ provides information and intelligence sharing, and collaboration that enables partners to counter improvised threats.

Improvised Threat Definition:

Improvised threats are devices, systems and associated tactics, techniques and procedures employed in an unconventional manner by an adversary that affect the security and national interests of the FVEY community, our allies, and global partners.



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Scope:

This quarterly report represents improvised threat incidents from July through September 2021 on Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs)*, Improvised Incendiary Devices (IIDs)*, Finds*, and weaponized Unmanned Systems (UMS)* contained in the C³ COP but is not a comprehensive collection of all available reporting. Additional information may be available at a higher or more restrictive classification.

Methodology:

The data on the these slides is derived from the TEDAC Explosive Reference Tool (EXPeRT) and C³ Common Operating Picture (COP). The COP is populated with open source reporting and C³ Partners' vetted improvised threat event data. The COP is located within EXPeRT, <https://tedac.fbi.sgov.gov/EXPeRT2>, and requires SIPR or SIPR-REL to access.

Limitations:

Due to the nature of open-source and available reporting, the data contained in this report may not reflect all improvised threat incidents or casualty figures during the stated period. It does not include classified or law enforcement sensitive information. Some information may not be available and/or captured in the data used to compile this brief.

Contact:

If you have information related to improvised threat incidents, please forward the information to the C³ Facilitation Cell at C3_Facilitation_Cell@fbi.gov to be included in future reporting.

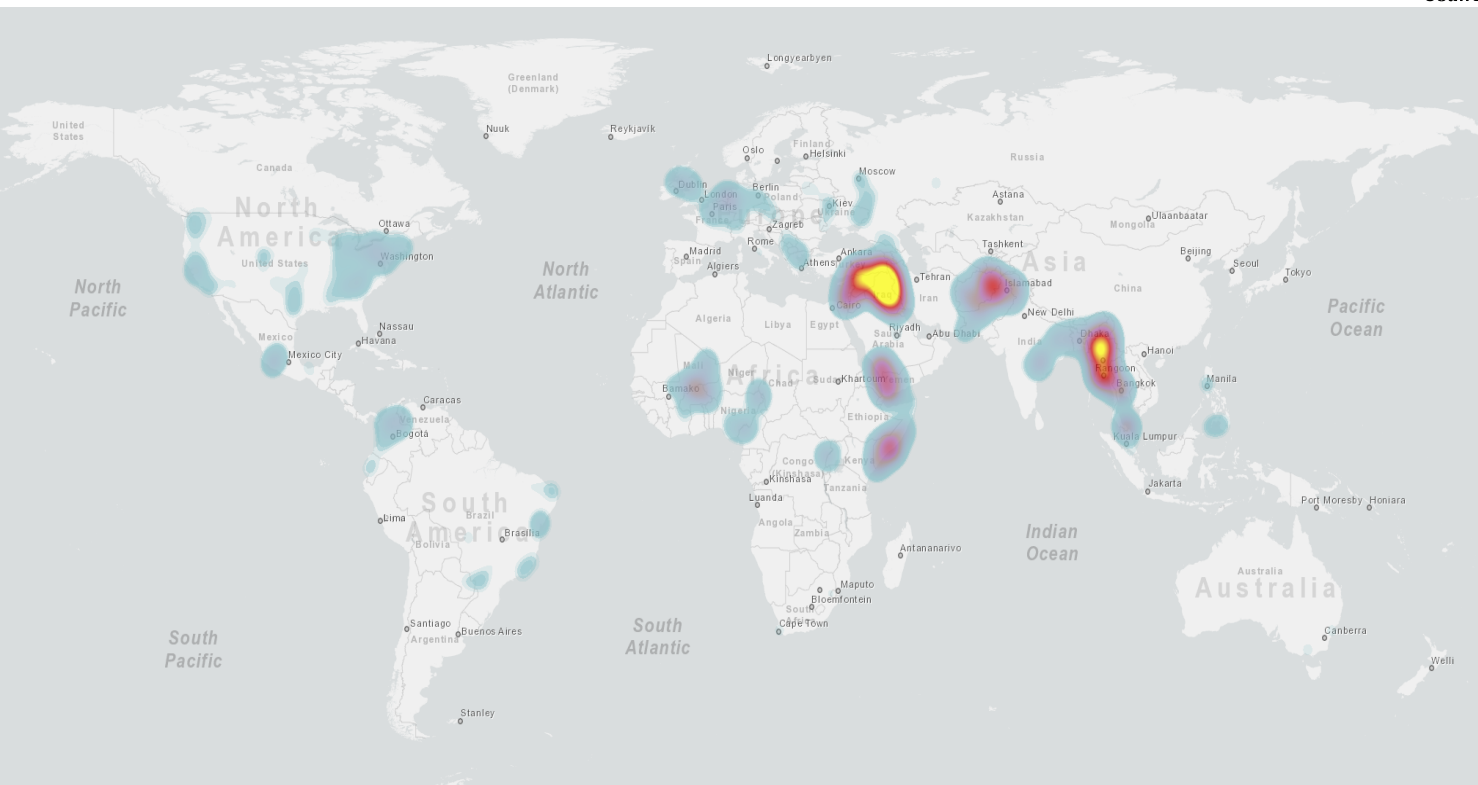
*Specific definitions available on page 9



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Top 10 Countries

- 1 **Iraq**
424 Incidents | 112 Casualties
- 2 **Myanmar**
235 Incidents | 73 Casualties
- 3 **Syria**
153 Incidents | 84 Casualties
- 4 **United States**
95 Incidents | 3 Casualties
- 5 **Afghanistan**
91 Incidents | 93 Casualties
- 6 **Somalia**
77 Incidents | 283 Casualties
- 7 **Yemen**
54 Incidents | 30 Casualties
- 8 **India**
54 Incidents | 15 Casualties
- 9 **Pakistan**
40 Incidents | 40 Casualties
- 10 **Thailand**
31 Incidents | 14 Casualties

Global Improvised Threat Incidents by Month



Top 3 Country Increases



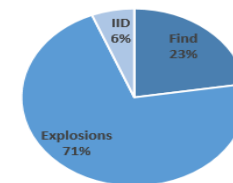
Germany
1100% (1 to 12 Incidents)
Thailand
675% (4 to 31 Incidents)
Bangladesh
400% (1 to 5 Incidents)

Top 3 Country Decreases



Kenya
-91% (11 to 1 Incidents)
Israel
-76% (29 to 7 Incidents)
Afghanistan
-76% (376 to 91 Incidents)

Types of Incidents



Explosions	1192
Finds	347

Worldwide 1599 improvised threat incidents resulted in 664 casualties (305 fatalities and 359 wounded) during the reported months. The top three countries with improvised threat events were Iraq, Myanmar, and Syria.

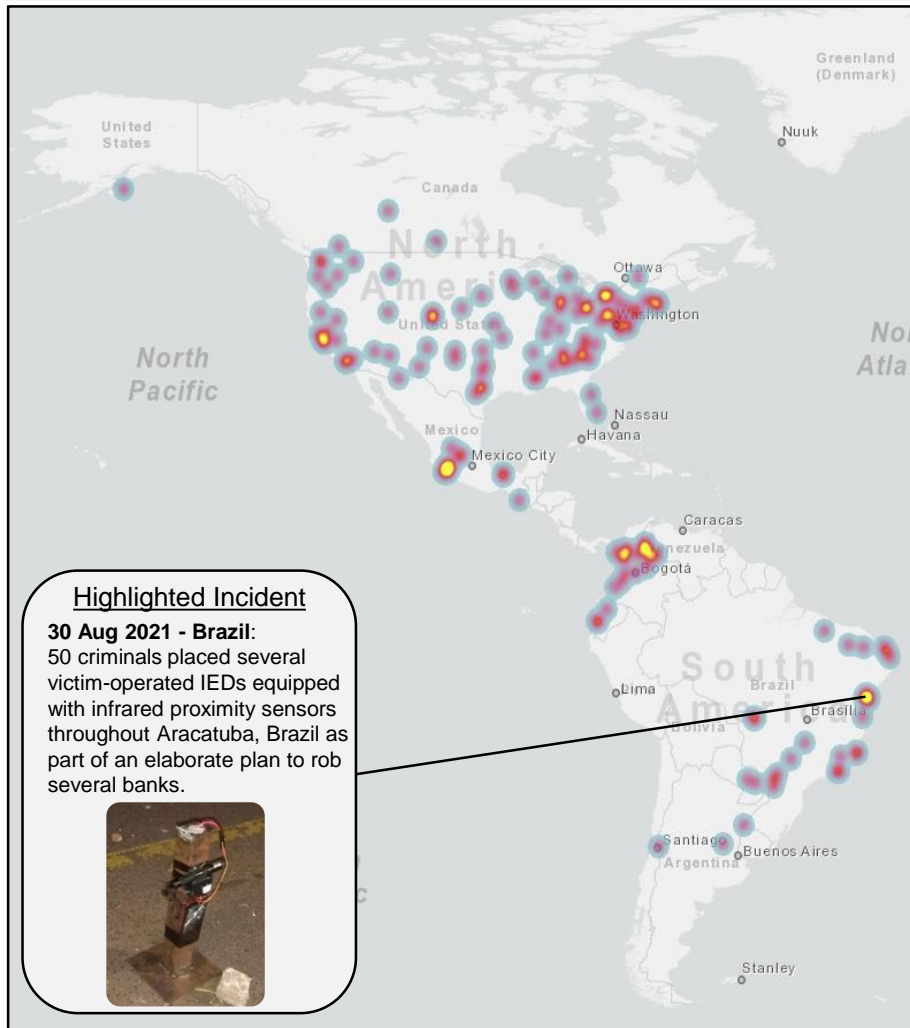
Last Quarter	2009
CY21 Total	5565



The Americas

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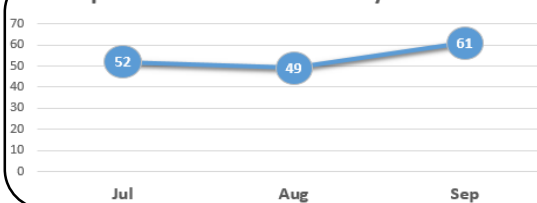
Quarterly Key Trends

The Americas had 162 improvised threat incidents which resulted in 22 casualties (6 fatalities and 16 wounded) during the reported quarter.

Improved threat events decreased in the Americas region. Reported improvised threat incidents decreased 27% compared to the previous 90 days.

There were 6 incidents involving weaponized unmanned systems reported in the region (Mexico and Ecuador) with most incidents occurring in August.

Improved Threat Incidents by Month



Top 3 Increases

Ecuador
 200% (1 to 3)
Canada
 100% (2 to 4)
Paraguay
 100% (0 to 2)

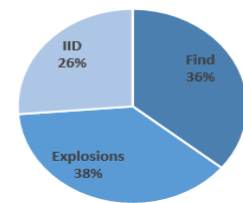
Top 3 Decreases

Argentina
 -50% (2 to 1)
United States
 -34% (143 to 95)
Brazil
 -25% (32 to 24)

Top 10 Countries

- United States**
95 Incidents | 3 Casualties
- Brazil**
24 Incidents | 1 Casualty
- Colombia**
18 Incidents | 15 Casualties
- Mexico**
12 Incidents | 2 Casualties
- Canada**
4 Incidents | 0 Casualties
- Ecuador**
3 Incidents | 0 Casualties
- Paraguay**
2 Incidents | 1 Casualty
- Uruguay**
1 Incident | 0 Casualties
- Argentina**
1 Incident | 0 Casualties
- Chile**
1 Incident | 0 Casualties

Types of Incidents



Explosions 100

Finds 56

The Americas had 162 improvised threat incidents which resulted in 22 casualties during the reporting period. The top three countries with improvised threat events were the United States, Brazil, and Colombia.

Last Quarter 223

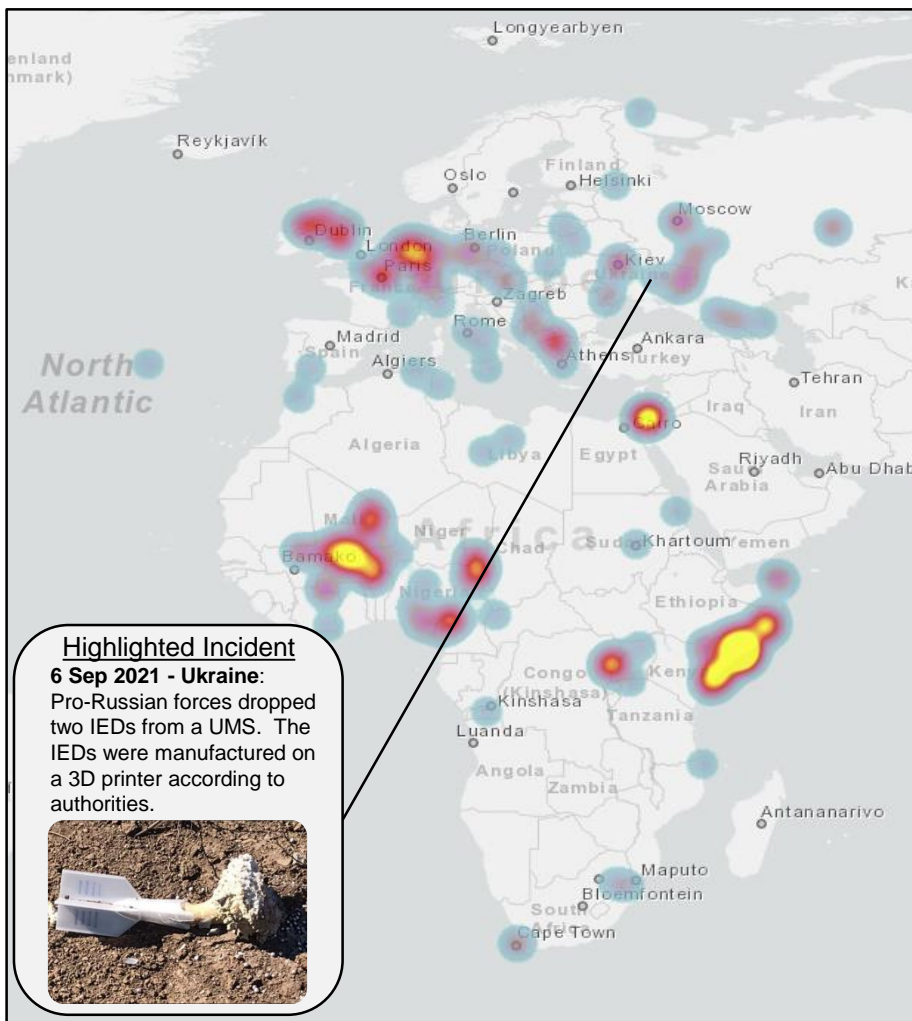
CY21 Total 579



Europe - Africa

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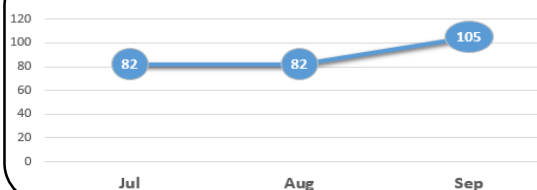
Quarterly Key Trends

In the Europe-Africa region, 269 improvised threat incidents resulted in 158 casualties (79 fatalities and 79 wounded) during the reported months.

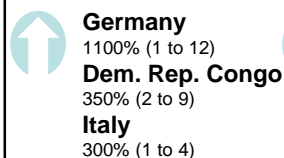
Improved threat events increased in the region. Reported improvised threat events increased 10% compared to the previous 90 days.

There were 3 incidents involving weaponized unmanned systems reported in the region (Belarus and Ukraine).

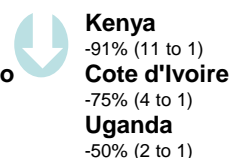
Improved Threat Incidents by Month



Top 3 Increases



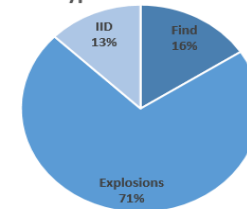
Top 3 Decreases



Top 10 Countries

- Somalia**
77 Incidents | 71 Casualties
- Burkina Faso**
22 Incidents | 20 Casualties
- Mali**
20 Incidents | 15 Casualties
- United Kingdom**
14 Incidents | 0 Casualties
- Russia**
13 Incidents | 4 Casualties
- Nigeria**
13 Incidents | 7 Casualties
- Germany**
12 Incidents | 1 Casualty
- Egypt**
12 Incident | 7 Casualties
- France**
9 Incident | 1 Casualty
- Dem. Rep. Congo**
9 Incident | 11 Casualties

Types of Incidents



Europe-Africa region had 269 improvised threat incidents resulted in 158 casualties during the reporting period. The top three countries with improvised threat incidents were Somalia, Burkina Faso, and Mali.

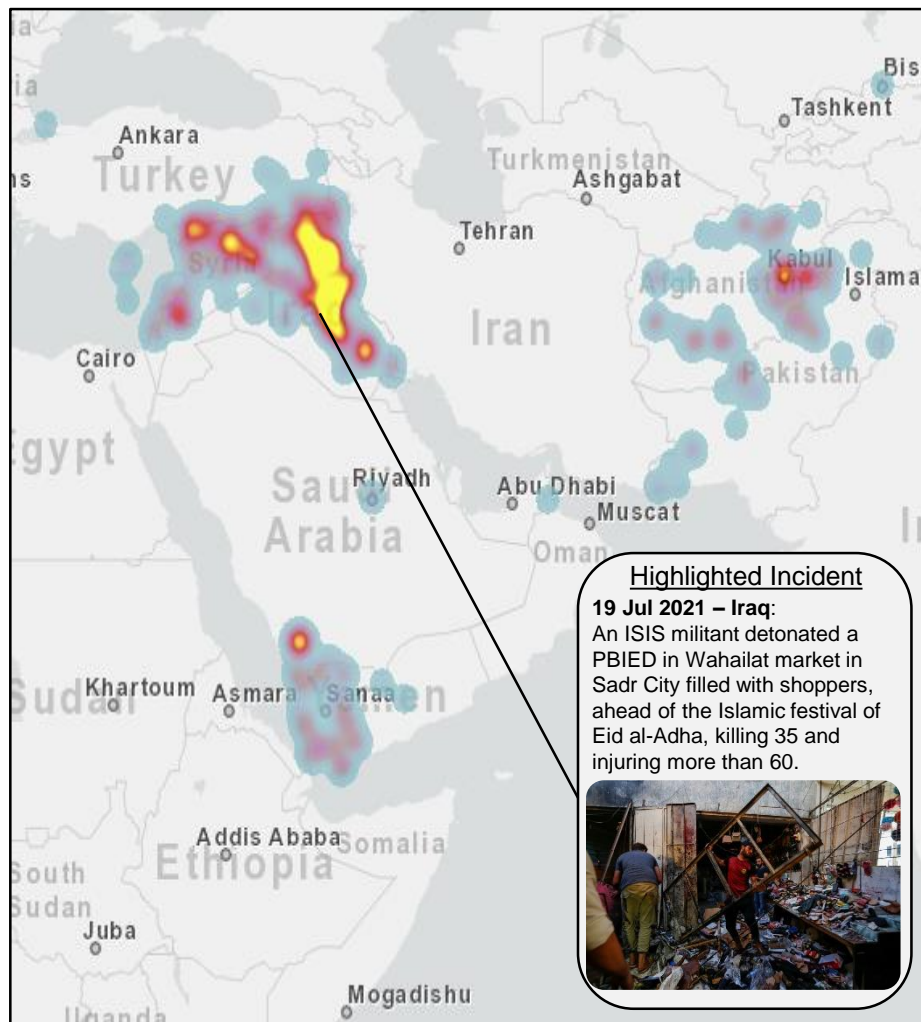
Last Quarter	245
CY21 Total	853



Middle East

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Quarterly Key Trends

In the Middle East region, 822 improvised threat incidents resulted in 375 casualties (185 fatalities and 190 wounded) during the reported months.

Improvised threat events decreased in the region. Reported improvised threat events decreased 31% compared to the previous 90 days.

There were 50 incidents involving weaponized unmanned systems reported in the region (Afghanistan, Iraq, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen).

Improvised Threat Incidents by Month



Top 3 Increases

Cyprus
 50% (2 to 3)
Pakistan
 38% (29 to 40)
Yemen
 29% (42 to 54)

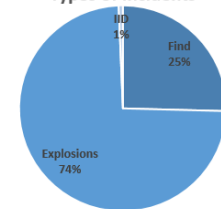
Top 3 Decreases

Israel
 -76% (29 to 7)
Afghanistan
 -76% (376 to 91)
Lebanon
 -67% (6 to 2)

Top 10 Countries

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424 Incidents | 112 Casualties
- Syria**
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- Yemen**
54 Incidents | 30 Casualties
- Pakistan**
40 Incidents | 40 Casualties
- Saudi Arabia**
28 Incidents | 1 Casualty
- Turkey**
18 Incidents | 9 Casualties
- Israel**
7 Incident | 2 Casualties
- Cyprus**
3 Incident | 1 Casualty
- Lebanon**
2 Incident | 1 Casualty

Types of Incidents



Explosions 575

Finds 196

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Last Quarter 1191

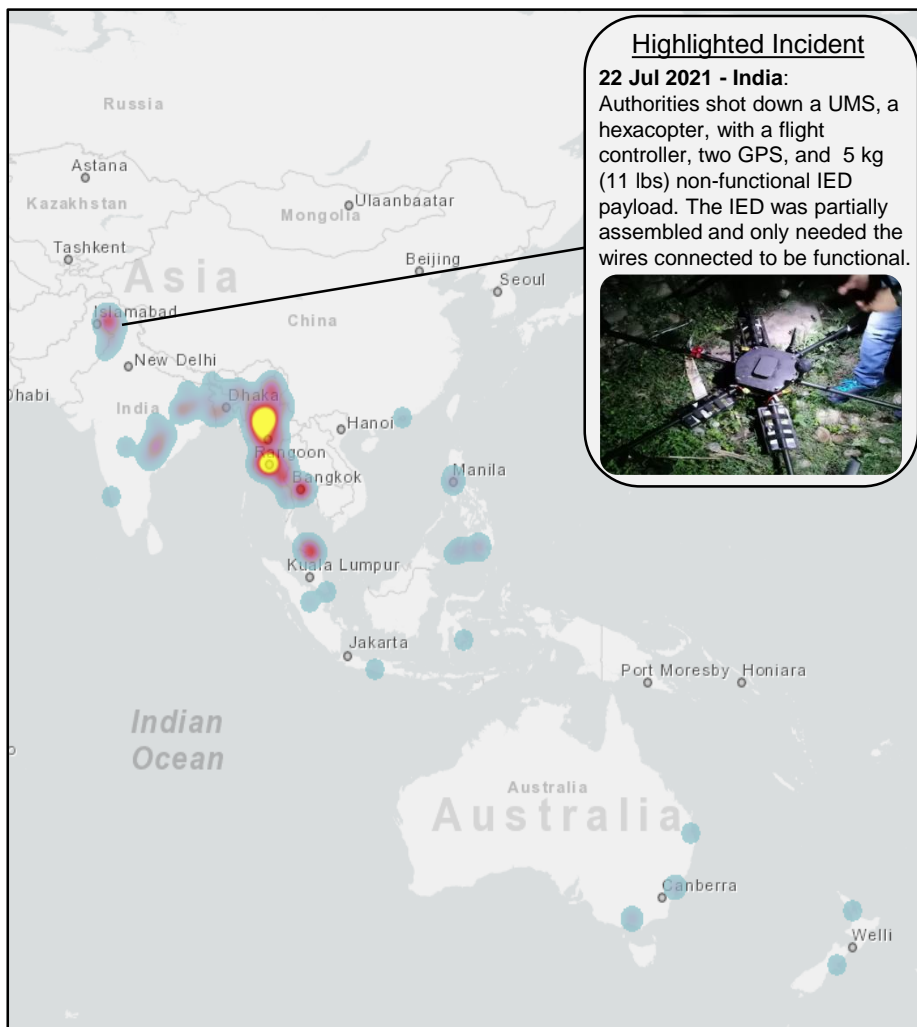
CY21 Total 3336



Asia – Southwest Pacific

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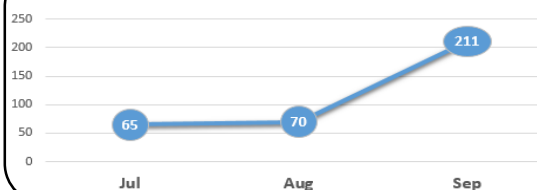
Quarterly Key Trends

In the Asia – Southwest Pacific region, 346 improvised threat incidents resulted in 109 casualties (35 fatalities and 74 wounded) during the reported months.

Improvised threat events decreased in the region. Reported improvised threat events decreased 1% compared to the previous 90 days.

There was 1 incident involving weaponized unmanned systems reported in the region (India).

Improvised Threat Incidents by Month



Top 3 Increases

Thailand
 675% (4 to 31)
Bangladesh
 400% (1 to 5)
Indonesia
 200% (1 to 3)

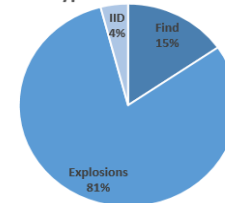
Top 3 Decreases

China
 -50% (2 to 1)
Philippines
 -44% (16 to 9)
Myanmar
 -16% (279 to 235)

Top 10 Countries

- Myanmar**
235 Incidents | 73 Casualties
- India**
54 Incidents | 15 Casualties
- Thailand**
31 Incidents | 14 Casualties
- Philippines**
9 Incidents | 6 Casualties
- Bangladesh**
5 Incidents | 1 Casualty
- Australia**
5 Incidents | 0 Casualties
- Indonesia**
3 Incidents | 0 Casualties
- New Zealand**
72 Incident | 0 Casualties
- Singapore**
1 Incident | 0 Casualties
- China**
1 Incident | 0 Casualties

Types of Incidents



Explosions 292

Finds 53

Middle East region had 346 improvised threat incidents resulted in 109 casualties during the reported months. The top three countries with improvised threat incidents were Myanmar, India, and Thailand.

Last Quarter 350

CY21 Total 797



Definitions

Find – An item of explosive ordnance, weapons or other terrorist / insurgent or military equipment / resources, found either during a planned search or during other operations. (Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Technical Exploitation Lexicon, 5th Edition, 15 May 2017)

Improvised Explosive Device (IED) - A device placed or fabricated in an improvised manner incorporating destructive, lethal, noxious, pyrotechnic or incendiary chemicals and designed to destroy, incapacitate, harass or distract. It may incorporate military stores, but is normally devised from non-military components. Refers to a type of IED incident that involves a complete functioning device. (Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Technical Exploitation Lexicon, 5th Edition, 15 May 2017)

Improvised Incendiary Device (IID) – A device placed or fabricated in an improvised manner incorporating incendiary chemicals and designed to destroy, incapacitate, harass or distract. (Extracted from IED definition in Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Technical Exploitation Lexicon, 5th Edition, 15 May 2017)

Unmanned Systems (UMS) – An unmanned air, ground, or maritime system where each has: A Guidance, Navigation, and Control system; Communications to a Ground Control Station; and a Rudimentary on-board automation.

Includes **Unmanned Aircraft (UAS)** – An aircraft that does not carry a human operator and is capable of flight with or without human remote control. Also called an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), Drone, or Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA).

(Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Technical Exploitation Lexicon, 1st Edition, 7 December 2017)



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